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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| RAHUL MANCHANDA ESQ, |) | |
| Plaintiff-Appellant, |) | |
| v. |) | Index No 1:21-CV-5788 |
| DOUGLAS SENDEROFF MD, |) | |
| Defendant-Respondent. |) | |
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF STATE COURT ACTION TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

TO: THE HONORABLE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant (now Plaintiff-Appellant) Rahul Manchanda Esq. has removed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York all claims and causes of action in the civil action styled *Douglas Senderoff MD v Rahul Manchanda Esq*, Case No. 152538/2019 (the "State Court Action") now pending in New York Supreme Court and its corresponding Appellate Division First Department with two Appeals in Index Nos 2021-01550 and 2021-01695, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446. A copy of all relevant process, pleadings and orders served upon Plaintiff (now Defendant-Respondent) Douglas Senderoff MD within the past 30 days to date in the State Court Action giving rise to Removal are attached as **Exhibit A**.

Defendant's grounds for removal are as follows:

- I. This Civil Action is Founded on a Claim, Counterclaim, or Right Arising under the Laws of the United States.
- A. 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 1. The State Court Action is removable to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) based on Plaintiff Douglas Senderoff's own pleadings, statements, depositions, and testimony taken under oath during his depositions and interrogatories which support a federal question cause of action against him and others arising under the laws of the United States, specifically, the civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations ("RICO") Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), as amended, based on his own pleadings, statements, and testimony taken under oath taken during his depositions and interrogatories, for which Defendant intends to bring counterclaims and implead additional co-defendants in this federal court.
- 2. Defendant Rahul Manchanda had requested Post-EBT questions pertaining to these Plaintiff admissions of criminal acts supporting a Civil RICO counterclaim under oath involving his trespass, hacking into, wiretapping, deletion and theft of data from Defendant's law firm laptops, servers, computers, cell phones, and IT networks, and several other tortious and criminal acts with the assistance of several named coconspirators, but Plaintiff Senderoff and his lawyer Justin Mercer of Lewis & Lin LLC have refused to either respond or provide answers or evidence to those court ordered Post-EBT Demands/Questions.

3. Accordingly, this matter presents a federal question and removal is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

B. 28 U.S. Code § 144

- 1. In addition, Defendant appealed two of the most recent judicial orders of recently appointed New York Supreme Court Judge Richard G. Latin, in index nos 2021-01550 and 2021-01695 alleging, *inter alia*, gross judicial misconduct and personal bias against Defendant pursuant to 28 USC § 144, another federal question because one of the Judges accused is SDNY Judge Paul Gardephe, amongst 3 other NYS Supreme Court Judges, Barbara Jaffe, Lucy Billings, and Richard Latin, and it is well established that no State Court Judge can entertain or rule on the alleged judicial bias or gross misconduct of a federal judge pursuant to 28 USC § 144, in this case Judge Paul Gardephe, so that this appeal, and its summary denial of a Temporary Restraining Order and Stay of Proceedings, not more than 30 days ago, thus triggering new time limits, also elevates and militates in favor of Removal to the federal Southern District of New York.
- Quite simply, neither the New York Supreme Court, nor the Appellate Division First
 Department, is allowed to pass judgment on the judicial misconduct and personal
 bias of a federal judge.
- 3. 28 U.S.C. § 144 claims are within the exclusive federal question jurisdiction of the United States District and federal courts.

- 4. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1446, in terms of timing, two alternatives exist: (1) the case must be "removable on the basis of an initial pleading;" or (2) the case must be "later become removable on the basis of a 'copy of an amended pleading, motion, or other *paper*." Lowery v. Alabama Power Co., 483 F.3d 1184 (11th Cir. 2007).
- 5. "Regardless of the type of case, a defendant must remove within thirty days of receiving the document that provides the basis for removal." (*Id.* at 1213.)
- 6. As such, the State Court Action is removable to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- II. This Notice of Removal is Timely and Complete and Has Been Properly Served.
- A. Defendant received the Appellate Division, First Department Order Denying his TRO and Stay of Proceedings notice in case index 2021-01695, which included allegations of egregious judicial bias and misconduct under 28 USC § 144, of this action on or about July 1, 2021 (Exhibit A).
- B. This Notice is therefore timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(3).
- C. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties.
- **D.** Defendant is the only named defendant in the Complaint.
- E. All requirements for removal are therefore met. Emrich v. Touche Ross & Co., 846F.2d 1190, 1193 n.1 (9th Cir. 1988).

F. Defendant has provided written notice of this Notice of Removal to Opposing

Counsel or record for Plaintiff via ECF and/or U.S. Mail.

G. A true and complete copy of this Notice will be filed in the State Court Action.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for Removal of this case to the above District Court and for a Stay

of all proceedings in the State Court action.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded either by

ECF and/or by U.S. Mail to Opposing Counsel Justin Mercer of Lewis & Lin LLC, located at 77

Sands St 6th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201 this 6th day of July 2021.

Dated: New York, NY

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Respectfully submitted,

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